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1. IN THE MIDST OF A GALA RECEPTION GIVEN SATURDAY NIGHT
BY VISITING PRESIDENT NYERERE FOR PRES. AND MRS. ECHEVERRIA,
MEXICO'S SECRETARY OF NATIONAL PATRIMONY FRANCISCO JAVIER
ALEJO "ANNOUNCED" TO THE TWO PRESIDENTS THE FORMATION OF AN
ASSOCIATION OF INTELLECTUALS, PROFESSIONALS, AND PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATORS FROM POOR COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD WHICH ALEJO
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CALLED A "THIRD WORLD FORUM". ALEJO PRESENTED MEMBERS OF

WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FORUM TO THE TWO PRESIDENTS, THEN EXPLAINED THAT THE FORUM WOULD BE SIMILAR TO BUT INDEPENDENT OF THE CLUB OF ROME AND THAT ITS MEMBERS WOULD COME FROM POOR COUNTRIES RATHER THAN RICH ONES.

2. AT PRES ECHEVERRIA'S INSTANCE, ALEJO THEN MADE THE SAME ANNOUNCEMENT TO NEWSMEN, ADDING THAT THE FORUM WAS ACTUALLY CREATED LAST JANUARY IN KARACHI, THAT ALEJO HIMSELF REPRESENTED MEXICO IN THE FORUM, AND THAT IT WOULD FUNCTION AS A PLATFORM FOR THE EXPRESSION OF THIRD WORLD IDEAS AND AS A CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT. DESCRIBING ITS FORMATION AS A "RESPONSE" OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO THE RICH-COUNTRY VIEWPOINTS OF THE CLUB OF ROME, ALEJO SAID THAT ONE OF ITS AIMS WOULD BE TO FORMULATE MEANS FOR APPLYING THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES (CERDS) AND COORDINATE ITS APPLICATION "FREE FROM IMPERIALIST PRESSURES". HE ADDED THAT MEXICO HOPED TO BE THE PERMANENT SEAT OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION.

3. ACCORDING TO ALEJO, FORUM WOULD BE CHAIRED BY DR. ENRIQUE IGLESIAS (ALSO PRESENT) OF URUGUAY, LATELY SECGEN OF ECLA. ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ALSO INCLUDED HAMANI COREA OF UNCTAD; MOHAMED SAID AL ALZAR, EXECUTIVE SECY OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EAST ASIA; MAHBUB ULHAQ (OTHERWISE UNIDENTIFIED); JUSTINIAN RYEMAME OF TANZANIA'S PLANNING DEPT; KENNA NZIRIMO OF NIGERIA; SAMIR AMIN OF AFRICA'S IDEP (SIC--SPANISH ACRONYM); OSCAR PINO SANTOS, OF THE CUBAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS; AND ENRIQUE OTEZIA OF ARGENTINA, IDENTIFIED AS FORMER DIRECTOR OF CLASCO (SIC).

4. ALEJO AND IGLESIAS AGAIN SPOKE TO PRESS ON MONDAY (APRIL 29) AND REVEALED A BIT MORE OF FORUM'S ACTIVITIES. REPRESENTATIVES OF EIGHTEEN COUNTRIES HAD JUST COMPLETED THREE DAYS OF MEETINGS HERE AND TRACED ORGANIZATION'S FORMAL DESIGN: MEXICO WAS TO BE SEAT OF THE FORUM'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WHILE SUBORDINATE COMMITTEES WOULD FUNCTION IN BUENOS ACRES, DAKAR, BEIRUT, BANGKOK, NEW DELHI, AND SRI LANKA. ALSO ADDED THAT FORUM'S MAIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOAL WOULD BE ACHIEVEMENT OF "NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER".

5. COMMENT: ALEJO'S ANNOUNCEMENT AT NYERERE RECEPTION WAS MADE WITHOUT FANFARE AND WENT PRACTICALLY UNNOTICED BY MOST GUESTS. NEVERTHELESS, A THIRD WORLD FORUM SOUNDS RIGHT UP ECHEVERRIA'S ALLEY. HE HAD HOPED TO EXPLOIT CLUB OF ROME MEETING HERE THIS SUMMER TO PROMOTE CERDS AND "NEW INTER-

NATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER", ENCOURAGING OTHER THIRD WORLD LEADERS TO MAKE APPEARANCES AT MEETING (AS HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN CLUB'S MEETING LAST YEAR), AND WAS PEEVED AT CLUB'S COOL RESPONSE TO HIS INITIATIVES. HE MAY WELL HAVE CONCLUDED THAT MEXICO WOULD BE BETTER OFF PROMOTING A THIRD WORLD COUNTER- FORUM, AND ONE MORE MALLEABLE THAN CLUB OF ROME HAD TURNED OUT TO BE.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION FROM DEPT OR INFO ADDRESSEES ON GENESIS AND STATUS OF THIRD WORLD FORUM, WHICH DESPITE MEXICO'S SUDDENLY-ASSUMED SPONSORSHIP OBVIOUSLY HAD ITS ORIGINS ELSEWHERE. JOVA

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